

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 116

Call to Order: By Chairman David E. Wanzenried, on April 24, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Craig Witte (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried, Chairman (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Rep. Rick Ripley, Sponsor (R)
Rep. Rick Jore (C)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cindy Peterson, Committee Secretary
Barbara Smith, Legislative Services

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action: HB 116

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 116

Discussion:

00:00:32 Sen. Wanzenried
00:01:17 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division
[EXHIBIT\(cch87hb0116a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(cch87hb0116a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(cch87hb0116a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(cch87hb0116a04\)](#)
00:05:01 Rep. Jore
00:05:22 Ms. Smith
00:05:36 Rep. Jore
00:05:39 Ms. Smith
00:05:51 Sen. Laible
00:06:12 Ms. Smith
00:06:59 Sen. Laible
00:07:14 Ms. Smith
00:07:29 Sen. Wanzenried
00:07:54 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources
and Conservation
00:09:26 Sen. Laible
00:09:59 Director Sexton
00:10:47 Rep. Ripley
00:11:17 Director Sexton
00:11:56 Sen. Wanzenried
00:12:03 Rep. Ripley
00:12:18 Director Sexton
00:12:23 Rep. Jore
00:12:53 Ms. Smith
00:13:07 Rep. Jore
00:13:19 Ms. Smith
00:13:37 Rep. Witte
00:13:49 Ms. Smith
00:14:11 Rep. Witte
00:14:26 Ms. Smith
00:15:03 Sen. Wanzenried

00:15:16 **Motion:** Rep. Ripley moved the Senate amendments relating
to the Environmental Contingency Account **BE REJECTED.**

Discussion:

00:17:21 Ms. Smith
00:17:59 Rep. Ripley
00:18:15 Ms. Smith
00:18:51 Rep. Jore
00:19:14 Rep. Ripley

00:19:47 Sen. Wanzenried

00:20:38 Ms. Smith

00:20:42 Sen. Wanzenried

00:21:07 **Motion:** Rep. Ripley withdrew his motion.

Discussion:

00:21:19 Sen. Laible

00:21:27 Rep. Witte

00:22:05 Ms. Smith

00:22:29 Sen. Wanzenried

00:22:42 Recess

00:39:14 Reconvened

00:39:27 Sen. Wanzenried

00:39:53 Ms. Smith

EXHIBIT (cch87hb0116a05)

00:41:21 Rep. Ripley

00:41:41 Ms. Smith

00:42:06 Katie Genadek, Governor's Budget Office

EXHIBIT (cch87hb0116a06)

00:43:09 Sen. Tropila

00:43:20 Hal Harper, Governor's Office

00:43:30 Sen. Tropila

00:43:54 Mr. Harper

00:47:34 Sen. Tropila

00:47:59 Mr. Harper

00:48:46 Sen. Laible

00:49:48 Mr. Harper

00:50:32 Sen. Laible

00:50:57 Ms. Smith

00:51:45 Sen. Laible

00:51:51 Ms. Smith

00:52:02 Rep. Jore

00:52:30 Ms. Smith

00:52:47 Sen. Wanzenried

00:53:04 Sen. Laible

00:53:59 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved a **CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT** to take the \$2 million, which was appropriated to the Environmental Contingency Account, and place it into the Environmental Quality Fund, and to redistribute the \$175 per year in interest.

Discussion:

00:55:47 Rep. Ripley
00:56:38 Sen. Laible
00:57:00 Rep. Jore

00:58:16 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Jore moved **TO ELIMINATE SENATE AMENDMENTS 19 AND 41.**

Discussion:

00:59:52 Rep. Ripley
01:01:03 Ms. Smith
01:01:21 Sen. Wanzenried
01:02:15 Sen. Laible
01:02:39 Sen. Wanzenried
01:03:25 Rep. Jore
01:03:58 Ms. Smith
01:04:40 Rep. Jore
01:04:44 Rep. Witte
01:05:21 Ms. Smith
01:05:40 Sen. Wanzenried
01:06:02 Ms. Smith

01:06:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Tropila voting no.

01:07:58 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved a **CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT** to remove the \$2 million general fund transfer, place \$350,000 in the Environmental Contingency Account, and place the balance of the money back into the Environmental Quality Protection Fund.

Discussion:

01:10:10 Ms. Smith
01:10:39 Sen. Laible
01:10:56 Rep. Witte
01:11:23 Ms. Smith
01:11:33 Rep. Witte
01:11:47 Ms. Smith
01:12:21 Richard Oppen, Director, Department of Environmental Quality
01:12:41 Sen. Wanzenried
01:12:53 Director Oppen
01:14:30 Sen. Wanzenried
01:14:41 Director Oppen
01:15:37 Rep. Ripley
01:16:01 Sen. Laible

01:16:53 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Ripley made a **SUBSTITUTE MOTION** to reduce the amount to \$1 million from \$2 million, so \$1 million would revert back to the general fund and \$1 million would go into Environmental Quality Protection Fund.

01:17:34 Sen. Laible
01:18:13 Rep. Ripley
01:19:31 Sen. Wanzenried
01:19:55 Director Oppen
01:20:55 Sen. Wanzenried
01:21:12 Director Oppen
01:21:41 Sen. Wanzenried
01:22:17 Rep. Witte

01:22:55 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Laible, Rep. Ripley, and Rep. Jore voting aye.

01:23:29 Sen. Laible
01:23:56 Sen. Wanzenried
01:25:26 Sen. Laible
01:26:47 Sen. Wanzenried
01:27:06 Rep. Ripley
01:27:30 Rep. Witte
01:28:16 Sen. Tropila
01:29:15 Rep. Ripley
01:29:46 Sen. Wanzenried
01:30:09 Rep. Ripley
01:30:42 Rep. Witte
01:31:27 Sen. Wanzenried
01:31:50 Rep. Ripley
01:33:13 Sen. Wanzenried
01:33:59 Rep. Ripley

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01:35:24 Sen. Laible
01:36:06 Ms. Smith
01:36:21 Rep. Witte
01:36:53 Ms. Smith
01:37:09 Sen. Wanzenried
01:37:19 Rep. Ripley
01:37:36 Sen. Wanzenried
01:37:43 Sen. Laible
01:38:09 Sen. Wanzenried
01:38:34 Rep. Ripley
01:39:02 Sen. Wanzenried
01:39:07 Rep. Jore
01:39:47 Ms. Smith
01:40:12 Sen. Wanzenried
01:41:12 Rep. Jore
01:41:39 Sen. Wanzenried

01:41:44 Rep. Ripley
01:42:01 Rep. Witte
01:43:01 Ms. Smith
01:43:20 Rep. Witte
01:43:59 Rep. Ripley
01:44:23 Sen. Wanzenried
01:44:41 Rep. Jore
01:45:27 Sen. Laible
01:46:05 Ms. Smith
01:46:50 Rep. Witte
01:47:38 Rep. Ripley
01:47:52 Sen. Laible
01:48:52 Sen. Wanzenried
01:49:33 Sen. Tropila

ADJOURNMENT

01:50:18 Adjournment 10:50 a.m.

SEN. DAVE WANZENREID, Chairman

CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([cch87hb0116aad.pdf](#))